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ABSTRACT

A conveyance apparatus using movable bodies, in which a plurality of lateral travel rail members capable of supporting and guiding guided devices situated on a main rail are provided to the side of a prescribed region of the fixed path, in such a manner that a frame member provided with a supporting section assumes an orthogonal attitude or position with respect to a direction of travel, whilst and the other frame members become aligned in the direction of travel, and branching means for causing the guided devices to branch off onto the lateral travel rail member group is provided in the prescribed region. Thereby, spacing between the movable bodies in the lateral travel direction can be maintained readily by means of using a simple structure, and the group of movable bodies can be moved laterally in such a manner that there is no mutual contact between conveyed items.